

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD  
USING OMPT PROTEASE VARIANT

Examiner: S. Swope

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the NON-FINAL Office Action mailed July 7, 2011, the Office is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. The response is timely filed on or before October 7, 2011.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2.

**Amendment to the Sequence Listing** begins on page 4.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 5.

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A **Verified English Translation** of foreign priority application is attached herein.

A **Substitute Sequence Listing** and a **Declaration** are attached.